

Eligibility Requirements for Medicaid for Low Income Families

Medicaid for Low Income Families (MLIF) is a health care program for families with very low income who have children under the age of 19 living in their homes. There must be a relationship to the children, such as that of a parent or close relative, in order to qualify for MLIF. Non-related caretakers do not qualify for MLIF.

To be eligible for MLIF, you must:

- * Have a child under the age of 19 who is a close relative and who lives in the home,
- * Be a resident of Alabama,
- * Be a U.S. citizen or be in satisfactory immigration status,
- * Assign all medical insurance or medical support benefits to the State,
- * Report family income, relationship, and other eligibility information to Medicaid within 10 days and
- * Cooperate in obtaining medical support payments.

NOTE: Cooperation with the Department of Human Resources in Medical Support Enforcement activities, including establishing paternity, to obtain Third Party Medical Liability Insurance from an absent parent, is necessary, unless a good reason for not cooperating is determined. If the grantee relative (adult related to the children) does not cooperate or have a good reason for not cooperating, the adult members of the family cannot get Medicaid, unless the grantee relative is a pregnant woman.

Financial Eligibility

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Eligibility Standard</u>
1	\$ 111
2	\$ 137
3	\$ 164
4	\$ 194
5	\$ 225
6	\$ 252
7	\$ 287
8	\$ 315

* Add \$28 for each additional family member

“Family” means the natural or legal parents, and blood-related or adoptive siblings of the children. Other relatives, such as stepchildren, nieces, nephews, etc., who live in the home and are under 19 years of age, may also be included in the family. The income of all persons in the “family size” is counted to determine eligibility. Certain deductions are also allowed in determining eligibility, such as work expense (\$90 per month); and child or incapacitated adult day care expense (within certain limits).